

**Iron County Lakes and Streams Partnership
Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2022**

Directors Present: Mike Golas, Debi Twardowski, Joy DeNicola

Directors Present Via Zoom: Mike Bukovitz, Tom Madden, Diane Kut, Laurie Netzow, Judy and Dennis Kufhal, Sally Davis

Directors Absent: Dave Ukleja, Jim and Jackie Novitski, Callista Bortomoelli

Other Partnership Members Present: Vicki Browne

Mike called the meeting to order at 10:00 at the West Iron County HS.

The meeting minutes from May 19, 2022 had a minor correction pertaining to the absence of Dennis Kufhal. Dennis was late to the meeting, but he did attend the meeting via Zoom. Following the correction, Diane Kut moved to approve the meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Mike Bukovitz, The motion carried.

Mike announced that Dave Ukleja has regrettably resigned his position as director due to personal responsibilities.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bank statement summary follows:

Bank Balance as of 05/01/2022,	\$25,041.94	
Banks Deposits month of May	505.00	Due and Donations
Paid in month of May	(334,29)	Various Expenses
Bank Adjustments	1.91	Business SD Earnings
Ending Balance May 31, 2022	\$25,216.47	

Currently there are 227 paid Partnership members.

Judy Kufhal moved to accept the treasures report and Debi Twardowski seconded the motion which carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Waters of Fortune Family Day/Bewabic Park: Diane Kut continues to work on the Bewabic Park event and has been trying to secure a Marine permit for over a month, however it appears that the permit will be available shortly. Diane announced that the required insurance documents need to be submitted by June 30, 2022.

Diane and Laurie Netzow presented a draft of the poster for the event, which will need a little tweaking, but is primarily finished. They need to add the logos for the Curious Pig, which will provide food, and Midtown Bate and Tackle, which will provide ice cream. The face painting and rock painting activities are confirmed.

The large banner that will be installed at the entrance of Bewabic Park is finished being designed, and Diane Kut informed the Board that we will not need to pay anything towards the purchase of the Bewabic Park banner as Jen Ricker will use grant dollars to pay to cover the cost. The use of the shelter at Bewabic is also paid for and it is possible we may be reimbursed for that expense

Two life guards are confirmed for the Bewabic Park event at the cost of \$90 each. Tables and chairs are ordered, and the event advertisement has been placed in the Summer Fun Guide.

John Bates Birding Event: The birding events in both Iron and Gogebic Counties were full with both having waiting lists. The events were a big success and the weather was perfect. The Iron County event logged 22 bird species.

Joy collected \$100 in donations at the bird event in Iron County.

Tom Madden will send thank you notes to the donors, and a payment of \$300 will be mailed to John Bates.

Due to the popularity of the birding event and the desire of John Bates to return next year, the Board voted on securing dates in the spring of 2023 for another birding event. The dates preferred by John Bates are May 20 and the 21 before the trees are too leafed out. Joy moved to have John Bates return next year on the requested dates. The motion was seconded by Mike Bukovitz and the motion carried.

Land O' Lakes Concert and Art Class: Joy will connect with Denise Fauntleroy to determine the status to the concert and art classes.

Jo Latimore and Erick Elgin Lake Tours: We need to build an overall plan for Jo and Erick's lake tours scheduled for August 1-5, Monday through Friday. Melissa DeSimone, Executive Director of MLSA may come with Jo and Erick.

The lakes need to be determined as soon as possible. Vicki Browne would like Chicagoan Lake to be on the list of lake tours and Laurie Netzow informed the Board that Lake Ellen is eager to be included, but they would prefer a Saturday as many residents are weekenders. Runkle Lake and Buck Lake are also good examples for lake tours.

Economic Value Project: Mike Bukovitz informed the Board that the collection of the needed data is hard to come by and the GIS data he has received from the township assessors is confusing and extraordinarily complicated.

Vicki Browne, being a mathematician, offered to look at Vilas County economic impact studies to attempt to sort out the numbers and their meaning.

Website: Debi Twardowski informed the Board that she is unable to make changes to the website on her tablet, and since she doesn't have a computer, she needs to go somewhere to use a public computer in order to make changes. As a results, Debi feels strongly that she needs a backup person.

Ryan Piwarski a former advanced student of the IT program of West Iron County High School (WICHHS) has started his own IT business, and he could be a potential backup for Debi. Debi will contact Ryan as well as Lee Rometti, the IT instructor at WICHHS, to see if he has a current student recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Member Meeting: Mike Golas, Joy DeNicola and Tom Madden will form a planning committee for the annual meeting and establish a format and date.

Our annual meeting will include the election of officer, and approval of annual dues. Officers serve one year term, directors two years. Mike Golas noted and clarified that no Partnership directors represent the lakes they live on.

Suggestions for the annual meeting format and additional topics were discussed. A presentation might be of interest, or a potluck similar to the one we had at Ice Lake. Vicki Browne suggested bringing photos of area shorelines as a topic of discussion.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00. The next meeting will be in July 21, 2022 possibly at the Stambaugh Hall. A confirmation of the meeting location will follow.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joy DeNicola, Secretary

